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WRITING ASSESSMENT

Write your final composition here.

Today's students have very hectic lives. They go to school, go to work afterschool, go home and do homework, in addition to household chores. For many students, time is essential in everything they do. Therefore, changing school hours is not a good idea. Although it would be designed to help the student, it would inevitably have absolutely no effect on the student's sleeping patterns. A few reasons as to why it would not help are as followed: Many students have after school jobs that would be affected by the change, ending school later would effect the student's time at home with his or her family, and because changing the arrival and departure time of school would only make the student's sleeping pattern adapt to the new schedule.

Firstly, a good number of students have jobs after school. These students rely on their jobs to make money, not to mention that jobs teach responsibility and are a great way for students to experience "the real world" before they are thrown into it to fend for themselves. If school lets out at 4:30 instead of 3:15, that leaves less time to work. This also means that students will stay at their jobs longer to make up, thus staying out later when many of them have homework and chores to do around the house.

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Would also mean that, since the student stays out at his or her job later, he ~~and~~ or she will come home later. On top of homework and chores, it doesn't leave the student with much family time. A family is a very important thing and should not be ignored by any circumstances. The more time a student spends with his or her family, the better he or she will be in life. Therefore, in order to spend more free time with his or her family, the student will stay up later at night to make up for lost time, leading me to my last point.

Changing the school hours would only mean that the student would adapt to this new schedule just as he or she did with the old one. They would stay up later and wake up later in the day, just as tired as they were before. Therefore, unless you change the number of hours one goes to school, it would be useless to change the time.

In conclusion, these are the reasons that changing the arrival and departure times at school is not a good idea. As much as it ~~sounds~~ sounds like it would help, it would truly only be a waste of time.

Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer clearly opposes changing the school schedule. Key ideas progress logically (less time for students to work, less time for students to spend with family, and students would have to adapt to the new schedule). They are well developed and specifically illustrated. Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are clearly displayed and sustained (hectic lives, designed to help the student, and inevitably have absolutely no effect). The response is complete and unified with a strong persuasive tone throughout.